



Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Economic Development Corporation
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, May 6, 2021– Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Joel Conn, Treasurer Phil Deschaine, Tom Conway, Township Manager Frank Walsh, Kimberly Thompson, Henry Kwok, Adam Carlson, and Brenda Chapman

Members

Absent: Trustee Kathy Ann Sundland, Shawn Dunham, and David Ledebuhr

Others

Present: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark, Community Planning & Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Eric Helzer, President, Advanced Redevelopment Solutions, and Trustee Patricia Herring Jackson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30 am and read the mission statement.

2. **MISSION:** Set the standard in creating an entrepreneurial culture, be the example for revitalization of our business districts, and be the leaders in building sustainable public/private partnerships.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Discussion of adding Authorized Bank Signatories Resolution to the agenda under New Business.

MOTION BY MEMBER CHAPMAN TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CARLSON. MOTION PASSES 7-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes-April 1, 2021
- b. Financial Report
- c. Development Projects

MOTION BY MANAGER WALSH TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CONN. MOTION PASSES 7-0.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. MABA/EDC Business Awards Update
Director Clark mentioned that the awards will be presented tomorrow. Established Business of the Year is High Caliber Karting and New Business of the Year is Cheezy D's Deli and Dogs. MABA will also be giving the businesses a window decal in recognition of their achievement.
- b. Village of Okemos Update-Reimbursement Agreement
Director Clark reviewed the request. It includes reimbursement of \$8,586 for utility pole stabilization-Consumers Energy and \$855 reimbursement for Advanced Redevelopment Solutions. For a total of \$9,441 reimbursement. There was discussion around the concern that there was a quote for the Consumers Energy work rather than a receipt. Eric Helzer stated the \$8,586 has been paid to Consumers Energy and that is just the way utilities process the payments. He stated he would forward Director Clark proof of payment after the meeting.

MOTION BY MEMBER CONN TO MAKE A PAYMENT TO TRU NORTH DEVELOPMENT TEAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,441 FROM THE MERIDIAN REDEVELOPMENT FUND AFTER PROOF OF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CONWAY. MOTION PASSES 7-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorized Bank Signatories Resolution
Discussion to update the current signatories to reflect the current Chair Kimberly Thompson, Vice-Chair Brenda Chapman and Treasurer Phil Deschaine.

MOTION BY MANAGER WALSH TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN TO OPEN/CHANGE SIGNATORIES ON THE EDC ACCOUNT, AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CONWAY. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

8. TOWNSHIP REPORTS

- a. Township Board and Township Manager
Treasurer Deschaine reported the following:
 - The Board is adopting a rezoning for car dealerships from C-2 to C-3 and including a special use permit.
 - Accepting the LEAP Public Art Grant for the Marketplace on the Green.
 - The Board is working on Powell Road paving and Final Plat for Silverstone Estates.
 - Resolution celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Month.
 - Police promotion ceremony tomorrow.
- b. Township Manager
Manager Walsh reported the following:
 - Police investigation regarding a retail fraud arrest is complete clearing the officers of any wrong doing.
 - 17.9 miles of local road work will be completed this year.

- Rezoning on Jolly Road at the current Midwest Power site for a Sparrow Urgent Care. Currently, recommended denial due to additional acreage in the residential area. Sparrow is working with the neighbors on a revised plan.
- US Census results show Michigan ranks 49th in the nation.
- Joe's on Jolly is a restaurant development. Working with the Ingham County Drain Commissioner on issues on the property to keep that development project moving forward.
- New Community Planning & Development Director Tim Schmitt will begin on May 17th. He currently is the Director for the City of Howell.
- Mark's sendoff will be on May 25th at the Central Park Pavilion from 3:00-4:30pm.
- Police will be doing aggressive traffic monitoring on Mt. Hope near the cemetery.
- Looking for a new Assessor. The current agreement with the City of East Lansing has been dissolved. East Lansing is looking to use Director Lee full time for the City.
- The Township will receive \$4.23 million in stimulus funds for COVID relief. A committee will be formed in the future to discuss the best use of those funds.

c. Planning Commission

Director Kieselbach, on behalf of Commissioner Trezise, gave a report on the current Planning Commission activities.

d. Chair

None.

e. Staff

Director Clark reported the following:

- Buddy's Pizza is working on a retention pond at the old Burger King site.
- Williams Volkswagen has begun work at their new location on Jolly Road.
- Pine Village in Haslett has submitted small amendments to their site plans.
- Haslett Marathon demolition is underway.
- Investigating flooding complaints from the Copper Creek development.
- Hosting development talks for the community. Haslett talk will be on May 12th and the Okemos talk on May 26th.
- The DDA is planning a celebration on October 9th.
- The community survey draft will be before the Township Board on May 18th.
- Klingman's has opened.

9. COMMUNITY REPORTS

a. Meridian Mall

Director Clark mentioned that there is a new selfie location at the Mall.

b. MABA

Director Clark reported that MABA has a new corporate membership. They will begin meeting in person at Lake Lansing Park and are presenting the business awards this week.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

10. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

- June 3, 2021 at 7:30am

12. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting.